(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has forwarded a plan for modernization of Government Press at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh to the Ministry of Finance for its approval and for providing funds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Conversion of cinema houses into multiplexes in Delhi

3067. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cinema houses are being closed in the Capital city of Delhi;

(b) whether permission has been granted to convert cinema houses into multiplexes;

(c) if so, the names of cinema houses allowed to close down and convert them for other commercial activity; and

(d) the reasons for granting permission for the closure of cinema houses and their conversion to commercial use despite the fact that the places have been specifically earmarked for the specific purpose of cinema houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) As reported by the Delhi Urban Art Commission, New Delhi Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the Delhi Development Authority, the proposals of the following buildings have been approved for conversion of existing cinema halls in the capital to multi-plex. These

are, namely, Grandley Cinema, Friends Colony; Savitri Cinema, Greater Kailash-II; Alankar Cinema, Lajpat Nagar; Satyam Cinema, Patel Nagar; Kumar Cinema, Chandni Chowk; Sonia Cinema and Plaza Cinema.

According to Master Plan of Delhi-2001; cinema is permitted in Central Business District, District Centres and Commercial Centre. The uses permitted in the cinema house are cinema watch and ward residence, administrative office, soft drink and snack stall, retail shop and commercial office according to which permissions have been granted.

Corruption in DDA

3068. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA Vice-Chairman in an interview to the Hindustan Times on 9th February, 2002 admitted that the DDA dominated by its own monopoly was plagued by corruption;

(b) if so, the details of the corruption practices and the action taken during the last two years in this regard, item-wise;

(c) the nature of complaints received among the Group Housing Societies of illegal construction alongwith the action initiated against erring persons with the time frame by which it would be completed; and

(d) the preventive and curative steps contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has received, from time to time, grievances on various issues relating to the functioning of DDA like delay in possession of flats, non-receipt of letters, etc. DDA has taken number of steps to rationalize its working and to make it more transparent. This has been done through adoption of certain